GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF SUGAR FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have imported sugar from Pakistan despite record domestic production during 1999-2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Government has not imported sugar from any country including Pakistan during 1999-2000.

As import of sugar in under Open General License (OGL), importers can import sugar from any country as per their commercial judgement. As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, during the 1999-2000 financial year, a quantity of about 54,826 MTs of sugar has been imported from Pakistan.